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"Behold What God Hath Wrought"

A FINE RECOMMENDATION

F. J. Lee

I want to make a little statement in just as mild and gentle terms as I can, concerning dear Brother Lawson's letter in which he is trying to explain away the little article in the Evangel which made reference to the misleading letter he wrote to T. A. Richard, but later furnished it to A. J. Tomlinson for publication.

I was present at this deacon's meeting with several other ministers and each item of that letter was dealt with and Brother Lawson acknowledged that some things in the letter were misleading. And I myself insisted that he should rectify this publicly. I am not accusing Brother Lawson of wilfully writing misleading statements, perhaps it didn't appear to him when he sent it away just as it appeared to us when we read it. He saw the mistake when it was reread in his presence. And even said, "If I had known it would have been printed I would have written it differently." But it is too late, it has gone forth. He further stated that Brother Tomlinson later saw the letter and said to him, "This would be of great benefit to me to have printed." So they had it printed and sent out.

Now some more about our dear Brother Lawson. I have always loved and respected him as a good man, as a business man, as a fine Sunday School superintendent and a leader in the church. And a few weeks ago I would have signed his paper for the same purpose that these gentlemen and business men of the city signed it for him. These gentlemen signed it only relative to his character as a gentleman and a Christian to date. They thought, as I understand, that he was seeking a position, as they knew nothing of the letter in question. It is a fine recommendation by good men of the city.

The Deacons And the Letter

Brother Lawson speaks of Brother Llewellyn printing his letter. This Brother Llewellyn agreed to do if the brethren found the statements to be true. I remember that Brother Lawson was at that meeting and made the statement to the deacons, that they investigate this letter thoroughly and if they found it just as Brother Lawson stated he would print the letter and send it out over the United States. So after taking the letter, item by item, their decision was as they placed their names.

Was it So, That Some of Those Men Were Not Deacons?

I moderated the conference that placed those men in. And according to our old established rule they were to enter on to their duties as deacons pending ordination at a future date. Their names will not of course be placed on the deacon's record until after they have been ordained. Brother Lawson was one of the men that helped put them in as being truthful, religious and qualified

for the office. We haven't better men in the Church of God.

The Llewellyn Following

He makes mention of the Llewellyn following, insinuating that all who are not standing for A. J. Tomlinson belongs to the Llewellyn following. J. S. Llewellyn refuses to accept the honor conferred upon him by Brother Lawson.

I will admit that Brother Llewellyn is a strong man and a real business man and it is because of his sharp, piercing, eagle-eye discovering the unfortunate conditions of the church affairs that has caused this insinuation to be placed upon him. But, dear brethren of the Church of God, you should be thankful to God that He, in His infinite wisdom has in His providence worked it around that we can have a man located right at the head of the business headquarters that has a piercing eagle-eye.

Another thing I will admit J. S. Llewellyn is a man who is as easy to get along with as any I have ever associated with. While he does speak with a firmness and with words of no uncertain sound and with an air that all can see that he means business, but this is always after he has used gentle and persuasive terms, but when occasion demands he can overthrow money tables and plat a scourge.

"A Little Old Constitution"

Brother Lawson says, "I mean to stick to the Church of God according to the teachings of the Bible, but I am not going to submit to a little old constitution."

I wonder when he found that the constitution was so insignificant and such a hindrance to the Bible and good religion. I say not till after A. J. Tomlinson found it so. When did A. J. Tomlinson find that it was something that Satan had palmed off on us? Not till after it began to cross some of his views and precious practices. You notice that A. J. Lawson states, "I did not stand out against it at first." No, he didn't. He, with A. J. Tomlinson and hundreds of others thought it was the greatest move we had ever made, and had a big hurrah time over it as I will show later.

The fact of the business is that A. J. L. is an A. J. T. man in spite of the scores of facts that have been brought forth. Here is a statement he made in my presence. "If I should lose confidence in Brother Tomlinson, I never would have confidence in man-kind any more." This doesn't look reasonable that two men could be so infatuated to each other. Now some more about the constitution. There is a statement made somewhere by Brother Tomlinson after the constitution was adopted.

"Behold What God Hath Wrought!"

Yes, that is what I say, "Behold what God hath wrought!"

But when did they find out the devil wrought it? Not till plans were being laid to pull away from the Church of God. I want to state here that Brother Tomlinson is the first man that mentioned the constitution to me and made me believe it a good thing. Here is what I find in 1921 minute, page 64, which some would like to wipe out of existence. The General Overseer made a few remarks in which he mentioned a written constitution. Some of them are:

"The elders in council with the General Overseer have concluded there is need of a constitution for the Church of God. Remember this is not setting forth any laws or creeds that are binding us. We are only setting forth that which we have been practising for years."

"The General Overseer then read the constitution which was drawn up by the General Overseer and elders in council."

Please notice in the statement made by the General Overseer, The elders * * * with the General Overseer have concluded there is need of a constitution. What brought them to this conclusion? They had found that the children of this world were wiser in their generation than the children of light. They found that the children of this world mocked them for having no business about them. We thought we were a legally constituted body, but had no documents to show our rules and regulations. This constitution wasn't something new and different to what we had endeavored to practice at all previous years. Listen again to Brother Tomlinson. "Remember this is not setting forth any laws or creeds that are binding us. We are only setting forth that which we have been practising for years."

Please Take Your Scissors And Cut This Out and Save It For Future Reference

The constitution such a terrible thing (?) yet we have been practicing it for years. Brother A. J. L., you must be a much worse man than you thought you were, you've been practicing that little old constitution for years? Well I guess we are all guilty with you.

Now, Brother Tomlinson thought so much of this constitution that he appointed a committee to draft it. That is, put it on paper where all could have it at hand to refresh their memory of what we have been doing and to help us that we would not get into a new rut but to continue in our old and cherished practices. Well, M. S. Lemons, J. S. Llewellyn and F. J. Lee were selected to undertake the task. After finishing it, Brother Tomlinson called the council together in the south room upstairs of the auditorium. The instrument was read section by section and article by article with perhaps some little changes, then the entire instrument was unanimously adopted by the council. Brother

er Tomlinson seemed to be as much or more elated over it than any one else.

Now here is something more found in the minutes, page 65. "After General Overseer read the constitution he asked the Assembly if they wanted it reread or if they wanted any explanation."

"Following the reading were a few questions, explanations and deep consideration, after which T. A. Richard suggested that the Assembly accept the constitution as a whole."

"It was unanimously agreed to accept it."

"General Overseer said, 'In order to show our appreciation of His presence and all seeming good to us and the Holy Ghost, let us all kneel before Him and reverence Him.'"

"All knelt and thanked the Lord."

"After prayer all stood and praised God while the orchestra was playing."

"The General Overseer exclaimed, 'Behold what God hath wrought.'"

Notice, again, "All knelt and thanked God." What for? The constitution of course and for Him witnessing His approval of it.

"After prayer ALL stood and praised God while the orchestra was playing." Why did ALL, everyone in the house stand and praise God? Because every representative at the Assembly believed it a good thing, and they praised God because He had opened their eyes to see the good thing. Brother Tomlinson said, "This seemeth good to the Holy Ghost and us."

Now, dear brethren, be very careful you might put your hand on the Holy Ghost. You, dear men, that want to hold to a man like grim death right in the face of facts and figures just because years ago the Holy Ghost approved him as General Overseer, today want to kick the Holy Ghost entirely out and say, "You had nothing to do with that constitution, but it was man or the devil one." If it were man, that man was Brother Tomlinson for he was at the head and put it through. If it were the devil, I will say that the devil or Brother Tomlinson one had a great grip on the people and made them shout and talk in tongues and dance and praise the Lord for the constitution. Brother Tomlinson exclaimed, "Behold what great things hath God wrought!" I'm persuaded that God doesn't work out great things for us and then undo them at the whims of men. Paul said he had put away childish things.

Now, dear Brother Lawson, you can see that I haven't referred to you all through this article, only just a few things, but with no ill-will toward you or to get revenge, for that belongs to God, but with only the thought of helping you to get your eyes opened. I have also been somewhat general as the church in general is interested.

I will now in order to show myself charitable to all men, say, if the dear brethren of the Church of God have decided that they have made a mistake in adopting the constitution; that they were not close enough to the Lord to tell the spirit of

If Any Man Have Not The Spirit of Christ, He is None of His.—Rom. 8:9

A. Gann

In our last article to the Evangel we attempted to let the people know why we had taken the stand we have. Not that we are trying to justify ourselves but that the public may know the facts as they exist in the Church of God today.

We want to say in the outset of this message that if our Brother A. J. T. in question had been willing to have submitted and listened to reason and to the pleading of his brethren who loved him so well, this most deplorable and humiliating situation would never have developed but stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. 1 Sam. 15:23. We will say by good authority that his brethren have gone to him in tears, begging him to desist from the course he was pursuing, telling him he was going to shipwreck with us all—but to no avail. They were snubbingly turned away and their advice and assistance spurned.

There are several Bible characters we are reminded of just here and we shall attempt to name some of them. One is the adulterous woman, "Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness." Prov. 30:24. No matter what he does, he wipes his mouth and says, "I haven't done wrong." Another character is Saul. When that old man of God, Samuel, caught him in his wickedness he tried to deny it and falsely said, "I have kept all the commandments of the Lord." Of course being guilty brought a denial. "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel; but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin." Isa. 30:1.

Another is a fellow by the name of Diotrephes who desired to have the preeminence. He cast folks out of the Church because they didn't obey him in wrong doing but he met his Waterloo. Preeminence, yes, that is what it is. He (A. J. T.) virtually confesses his desire for position when he accuses others

the Lord from the spirit of man or the devil, and that they have decided that Brother Tomlinson made a mistake when he said "Behold what God hath wrought," we are willing to reconsider it, to see if the hundreds who attended the Assembly were duped by the wrong spirit. If we find it so, we would be only too glad to do away with the constitution. But we are not willing to act child's play on it and try to revoke it outside of the Assembly in which it was adopted. All fair-minded men would say, the only place to attend to this matter is at the Assembly.

I will now submit this to the Church at large for your perusal. I haven't written this with the least bit of ill-will but only to help the dear people to stay on the right line.

of wanting his place. Again he proves it when he refuses to allow the Church of God to remain intact but attempts to split it, taking the ones who recognize him as the head, in place of Jesus, and are perfectly obedient to him, regardless of all his wrong doing, graft and desire for leadership. He confesses this when he sits as moderator for two assemblies, then because he is found out, declares both out of divine order.

He shouted when his measures were being put over in one of the Assemblies. Was he acting hypocritical or was it the real spirit? If it were the spirit why was it not in divine order? If it were just him, how do we know whether any message that was shouted through was the Lord or not? How do we know whether God put him in the position he has occupied for all these years? If it wasn't God where has consistency gone? Where is common sense and reason?

He ignorantly or premeditatedly takes backwater when he undertakes to discard the term, "General Assembly of the Churches of God," when he has consistently called us by this name for years. Surely it is a drowning man grabbing for a straw. He reminds me of a merchant buying goods on credit from widow women and poor men, then to avoid paying takes the bankrupt law. Then after they have lost their money he starts a new business saying, "I don't need your credit, I have the cash to pay for my goods, let us start new."

My dear friends, if you could have attended the recent Elders Council and have seen with your own eyes the spirit that was manifested there, we wouldn't have to be trying to explain on paper, however, a good many of the ones who were under that spirit are writing in begging forgiveness and of course it is being granted. We have been in all kinds of political meetings where the gavel was used to assert authority and to put down opposition but we never saw such bias, autocratic rule in any gathering in our lives.

We have proof that it was premeditated and everything prearranged. We had to sit for about two days and listen to the most irreligious, vilifying utterances ever listened to, while A. J. Tomlinson stood with his gavel like the absolute monarch he tries to be and allowed his best friends to have their names dragged through the slime and slander that only belongs to the pit. He put down every one who would raise his finger for their defense. Yes, that little martyred lamb his followers would have you believe he is, did this.

If he loved the Church of God like he said he did, and kept complaining, because we put so much on him, why did he offer his resignation when the Church tried to lift some of the

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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It will soon be time to order Sunday school literature for the fourth quarter. Get your orders in early and avoid the rush in order that you may have your literature on time. We are taking every precaution to avoid delay.

It has been a source of deep regret to us that it has been necessary to publish the details of the recent investigation and exchange of notes in the columns of the Evangel in order that our people might be informed as to the real situation. Now since the decision of the council and the Judges and other articles of explanation have been published and the parties in question have now disassociated themselves with this connection we feel that it is time to turn our attention to other matters of interest and fill the columns of the paper with good soul stirring articles, testimonies, reports, etc., and refrain from further discussion of the questions that have been weighing so heavily on the minds of our people. All should go down now before the Lord in earnest prayer that God will take possession of everything and bring to naught the

plans of the enemy and work out everything to His own glory and to the good of the Church.

W. J. Hardy, for years the foreman in the press room of the Church of God Publishing House, who many of our people will remember, died at his home in this city, August 5th. Mr. Hardy was faithful in his part of the work. While he was not a member of the Church of God yet he watched with much interest the rapid progress of the Church. He has been constantly engaged in the Church of God Publishing House for about twelve years. The Publishing House closed down for the funeral and most of those engaged attended through respect to Mr. Hardy and his family and in consideration of his long relation with us as master printer. He asked to be relieved about ten weeks ago for two weeks but he kept failing in health until finally the end came at the above date. His widow and children all have the sympathy of the entire Evangel force and many of our ministers and members who knew him.

REQUESTS

Annie Bennett, St. Petersburg, Fla., wants every Christian that reads this to pray that she may be healed.

Honora Bolin, Hickory Grove, S. C., requests the saints to pray that she may be healed and that her son may be saved.

Mary Barton, Montgomery, Ala., desires prayer for her husband and son to be saved and that the Lord will use her to His own glory.

Mrs. R. N. Fielding, Pattonville, Tex., requests Sister Rushin and all the true saints to pray for herself and family to be delivered from sin.

Irmatru Akers, Hiwatha, W. Va., desires prayer that she may be filled with the Holy Ghost and that her father and three brothers may be saved.

W. L. Combs, Durham, N. C., asks all the Evangel readers to pray that she may be straightened of her affliction which has been caused by rheumatism.

Maggie Harris, Oakman, Ga., wants the saints to pray that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and that her loved ones may be saved before it is too late.

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, Smyrna, Ga., desires the saints to pray that her father, mother and brother may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost before it is too late and that she will stand true.

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends at the Evangel Office:
We wish to thank you first for your many kindnesses and courtesies shown our dear husband and father while associated with you—he called you "friends;" for your ever ready sympathy to us, his nearest loved ones, in our greatest loss; and finally for your beautiful tribute of love and respect to his dear memory as expressed by the beautiful floral offerings which you sent. They were all beautiful.
Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. W. J. Hardy,
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hogg,
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hardy,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Homer Hardy,
Miss Louise Hardy.

NOTICES

My address is changed from St. Albans to Spring Hill, W. Va. Anyone wanting a revival held after the state assembly, please write me.
Bun E. Hicks.

An all day rally service will be held at East Chattanooga, Sunday, Aug. 9. Dinner will be served on the ground. Everybody is invited. Come, expecting a great time in the Lord.
J. N. Martin.

A camp meeting will begin on Saturday night, Sept. 1, 1923, at Dewey, Ark., near Pangburn. Everybody is invited to come. All who can should bring provisions and those who have tents should bring them. Those who come on the train are to get off at Pangburn. A way will be provided for them to get out to Dewey. Come praying that God will give us souls for our labor. We would like to have all the good preachers and workers we can get. We would like to have a good band if we could get it. We earnestly request the saints everywhere to pray for this meeting.
H. L. Berry,
Roosevelt, Ark.

To the Churches of God Scattered Abroad—Greeting:
While our hearts have been grieved and our spirits heavy on account of some things happening over which we have had no control, yet, I want to sound a note of praise to Almighty God for His watchful care over us during these trying hours and for the great and blessed Holy Ghost that abides in our hearts and leads us into all paths of truth and right.

While the enemy of our souls has been working very hard in Missouri and while E. L. Pinkley, the former overseer of Missouri, has visited almost all the churches in the state, spreading discord among brethren and telling the members that he was over me in the Lord and also calling special church conferences wherever he could and doing his best to get the members to sign his declaration of petition, only one church to my knowledge signed it and that before I could get to them to give them the truth of the matter. After I presented the truth to them the majority requested me to see that their names were erased.
As the old adage goes, we in Missouri have to be shown and God has

made very plain to us. His Church, with her teachings, rulings and divine government. Therefore, be it known to all the Churches of God everywhere that the state of Missouri is standing foursquare for the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., with F. J. Lee as our General Overseer until the General Assembly convenes. That we believe with all our heart that the ten elders are right and that they are doing all in their power to bring about a square settlement and business like settlement of the affairs of the Church of God. We have loved Brother Tomlinson with all our heart but we must stand for truth and right. May God's richest blessings rest and abide upon the Church of God everywhere in our prayer.
J. M. Viney, overseer of Missouri,
Cantwell, Mo.

Evansville, Ind.
Aug. 5, 1923.

Mr. F. J. Lee,
Dear Brother:

This afternoon I feel like writing you a few lines. I have been reading the papers and have decided that I have made a mistake. Brother Hurley sent me a paper to sign and all the members if we wanted to stay with Tomlinson's side. I sent in all the names to stay with Brother Tomlinson, not knowing what I was doing. Now, Brother Lee, I have been serving as clerk, but I do not want the job any longer but I sure do want to stay with the Church of God. I am sure you will stand for nothing but the right so we all want you to erase our names off that paper I signed.
Fred M. Hasten,
Howell, Ind.

To the Churches in Arkansas—Greetings:
I am coming to you at this time with a heart full of love for every member. I wish you could know my heart today and how I am bowing underneath the great burden and responsibility that I can feel so heavily resting upon my shoulders.

I believe I can say that I have done my best for the better interests of all the members, without respect of persons and all can feel the different atmosphere in most all the churches. I am coming to you at this time and asking every one to "sit steady in the boat" and wait upon the Lord and be submissive and obedient.
We have calls continually from churches saying that they want us to come and need us very badly, but they don't seem to realize that it takes money to ride the trains (even if we didn't need any for living expenses). Some of the churches of the state have not reported to us one time this year. I fear that some would bow their heads in shame should we publish through the columns of the Evangel what we have received from these churches.

We are now in debt for this year's work and we are doing all we do for your soul's welfare and for the cause we all love so dearly. Will you all please help me to bear the burden? If each one will do his part, no one will suffer. If you really love the Church of God, prove your faith by your works.
I am sure some have done their best for us and had it not been for these faithful few, we would have been forced to give up the work. May God bless you all and stir up your pure minds.
Your humble servant,
E. C. Scarbrough, state overseer,
Haynes, Ark.

IN MEMORY OF RHODES

On the morning of July 29, 1923, the death angel visited the home of John and Mary Rhodes, and claimed their eldest son, Leoris, age 18 years.

"Orus" had been afflicted for years, but seemed to endure his suffering patiently; and was known by all who were acquainted with him, to be a good boy.
He stated before taking his departure that he was going home.
The bereaved have the writer's sympathy.
B. E. Drummond,
Parkersburg, W. Va.

PARKER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parker of Carbon, Ala., July 18, and called their little darling, A. Jr. away. He was born May 5, 1921. He was ill only three weeks.
He is survived by a loving father and mother and many relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Perry cemetery.
His grandmother,
Ellen Shaw.

On July 24, 1923, the dear Lord saw fit to call from our midst our darling baby, Sarah Elizabeth, age eight months and ten days. She was sick only a short time. Her death was a great loss to her loving mother and father.
All was done for her that loving hands could do but He that doeth all things well saw fit to call her home. She was only a flower that budded on earth to bloom in heaven. We realize that He giveth and taketh away. It gives us great comfort to know that we have the hope of meeting her again where parting will come no more.
One who loved and cared for her,
Edna Farmer,
Pulaski, Va.

LOWMAN
Brother J. P. Lowman departed this life, Apr. 1, 1923, age 71 years, 8 months and 17 days. He became a member of the M. E. church in early life. About thirteen years ago he became a member of the Church of God of which he was a loyal member.
The place around the fireless is vacant and the chair at the table is empty. Our father is gone but not forgotten.
He leaves to mourn, one son, five daughters, one brother and many relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by J. W. Jones and his body was laid to rest in the Cecils

chapel cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

One who loved him,
J. W. Jones,
Lynchburg, Va.

STEPP

On July 22, the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling little son, Jasper, age 4 years, 7 months and 28 days. He was sick two weeks.
All was done for him that loving hands could do but God saw fit to take him home. We can't understand why we had to give him up. Just three weeks ago we gave up our baby, Mary Eva, but we weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is heaven's gain.
The funeral service was conducted by Brother Ben Thomas.
Their papa and mama,
Lewis and Roxie Stepp,
Epworth, Ga.

BATTLEFIELDS

Just closed a revival at Sebring, Fla., in which many souls were blessed. Quite a number were saved and sanctified and one received the baptism. Brother W. R. Whidden did most of the preaching and special music was rendered by the writer. Many are looking this way, reports Luther Albritton, Ft. Meade, Fla.

A tent meeting was held at Kelloggville, June 28-July 22 by O. W. Thomas of Lester, W. Va. He gave out the Word with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Brothers L. L. Vaught and Trim were with us a few days. Brother Trim preached with power. The tent was filled most every night. Two were saved, five sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost, nine were added to the Church, and seven were baptized in water. The saints were greatly edified, reports Mary L. Thomas, Oakvale, W. Va.

We have just closed a four weeks meeting in Dodd City, Tex. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Forty got through to the Lord, eighteen received the Holy Ghost, seven were baptized in water and nine were added to the Church. The crowds were large. Sometimes we had something like four thousand present. Many blind eyes were opened to the truth. The meeting closed with feet washing and the Lord's supper. The meeting was conducted by the writer and assisted by Sister Davis. Our overseer was with us a short time. The four churches that I am pastoring are standing firm for the Church of God and her teachings and government as outlined by the Assembly, reports Thomas S. Brown, Dodd City, Tex.

We have closed our quarterly conference which convened July 27-29 at Circleville, Ohio. It was a success from the beginning. Everything was done in peace and harmony. At times the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. There was much seed sown in good soil and we hope the harvest will be bounteous. The reports from the churches of the district were read and everything was in order. We feel that it was the greatest conference ever held in District, No. 2. There were a number of saints here from Lancaster, Chillicothe and other points, reports Alice Gheen, clerk.

I am sending in the names of five little girls who are appointed as a committee to work for the orphans. They are Bertie and Dorothy King, Delphia and Githia Glenn and Villa Goodson. Villa has collected 30 cts. and Delphia and Githia 17 cts. Total 47 cts. This is a new place and only a few believers. The children do not receive much encouragement, but we mean to do our best.
J. M. Palmer,
Hamilton, Ala.

A Wonderful Time at Clyde

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Praise God! I am preaching the gospel of the lowly child Jesus in the face of all opposition.

The church at Clyde observed Children's day, July 29, 1923. It was a fine day and about five hundred people were present. The children recited well. Dinner was served and all had a wonderful feast. A collection was taken for the children at Cleveland and \$13.04 was raised. We are going to try and do more for the orphans. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless." We can do this by sending our part. I praise God for the Bible and the waybill to heaven.

The church at Clyde is for the advancement of God's work here in this world. We do not sign our names to anything, only the right thing and the right will stand when the world is on fire. Let us all work hard, press on and keep the spirit of love and faith and win the victory and rejoice forever more.
Yours for the Master,
R. A. Husky,
Clyde, N. C.

Report From Virginia

We began a revival meeting at Logan, W. Va., July 1, which lasted three weeks. There were about twelve new ones received the Holy Ghost and about the same number reclaimed to the Holy Ghost. The saints were edified and built up. We also observed the Lord's supper at the close of the meeting and washed the saints' feet.
I think this was the best communion service I was ever in. There were 108 took communion and about the same number washed feet. The meeting closed with a good spirit. We re-

ceived seventeen new members into the Church and paid quite a bit on the indebtedness of the new building. We may say this meeting was a grand success.

We are now buying a tent to be used by the Church to more fully evangelize this field. I believe that we can truly say that the saints have a mind to work. We expect some great things in this section in the near future. I believe the saints here have a mind to stand on the truth and do what is right if they know what it is.

This meeting was conducted by Evangelist Moreland of Akron, Ohio. He is a very studious and prayerful man and knows how to work. He is no idler and has results in his meetings. His wide experience in evangelizing work and as a pastor gives him much the advantage of the average minister. He knows how to preach to sinners, how to go after the backslider and how to assist the preacher. When he leaves the church, it will be in working order.
Yours in His service,
E. C. Clark, pastor,
Box 1345, Logan, Va.

The Gospel Must Go

I have just held a meeting at the church at Pine Grove, five miles from Odum, Ga. The Lord was with us from the very first service and blessed all the way through. People were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and many were divinely healed. God's power was manifested in a wonderful way.

The church is on fire for God and has a membership of ninety-one. They have one of the best Sunday schools I have ever attended. The superintendent would be hard "to beat." He has been in Sunday school work for years. His teachers are well qualified for the work. Brother Ogden and his four teachers are to be appreciated in the highest and I am sure that God will reward them for their noble service. I just wish that every unconcerned Sunday school worker could see these dear little children march as their superintendents and teachers give them orders. Each one has a banner hoisted in the air with a Bible verse on it marching like soldiers.

The Church of God is going to cover the fields. We can do it and we will do it. There is no time to stop. We must drive the enemy back and take the territory for God. He gave His Son that through Him the world might be saved. We must keep the Gospel going. The Church of God has always been the best thing I ever saw. It looks better and better all the time. I think every member should become a regular worker for the Church. It is the greatest institution on earth. Jesus purchased it with His own blood and said the gates of hell should not prevail against it. Each member should be added to the Church with such love and unity until nothing that happens could shake them.

I want to challenge every minister in the Church that we go to work like we mean business. Let us ask God to give us the very best revival that the Church has ever had—that this year may be one of the best in the history of the Church. We can do it if every member will be a real worker.

Some may be shaken or discouraged but I do not see a thing to be discouraged at. Since I have laid down all employment and have gone to work for God seven days in the week I keep too busy to get discouraged. When I was added to the Church it seemed that I was added with such love until there has never been a blow hard enough yet to knock me loose from it. This is one time that every member should be real steady.

I think every church should have at least one member appointed to work for the Evangel, that is, to look after subscriptions and renewals. Also to have one member to work for the Church of God orphanage. If every church will start this up right away and put real zeal behind it the work will grow in a wonderful way. The Church can depend on me to do my part.
J. B. Sewell,
Jesup, Ga.

Fire Burning in His Soul

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

This morning I feel like sounding a note of praise through the Evangel for the first time. I am glad to say that the fire is still burning in my soul. Oh, how we should praise Him for His great loving kindness to us. We find in His Word that He will never allow us to be tempted above that we are able. I certainly praise God because I turned my eyes toward the mountain top and became a member of the only Church I know about that is found in the Bible. This is the only way I can see to heaven and my aim is to make that place some day.

I am glad to say that the fire is falling in these good humble places. It is good to be up here among the saints of God. When I say saints I mean the people that are living for Jesus and are letting Him lead them in all things.

We sure have a good pastor to feed us the Word and He lives up to it. This is the kind the dear old Church of God needs and no other. As I look over the White Winged Messenger it makes the joy overflow in my soul to see that we have some true followers of the Bible that mean to keep on the right track and keep the way clear for the little ones.

We find in 2 Chr. 20:17 where it says, "Stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you." Now, wouldn't it be good if all the members of the Church of God would do this and let the Lord lead us on to victory? Saints, let us all pray more for the elders and ask the Lord to show them right on the things that are hindering this great movement.

I mean to pray more and let the Lord have His way with me. As the Lord's mighty power was manifested at the assemblies of 1921 and 1922 and the Holy Ghost seemed pleased with

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the men that are now over us so I think and truly believe that the elders that are now in office are trying their best to pave the way for us that are weak. Let us pray for them and stand by them as long as the Lord is with them as I know He is now. Pray for me that I will stay in the center of the Lord's will and do anything that He might want me to do.
Earnest C. Dilbeck,
Daisy, Tenn.

All Are Standing For the Church of God at Williston, Fla.

We, the undersigned parties of the Church of God at Williston, Fla., were badly misinformed by our former pastor, C. T. Anderson, upon his return from the Elders Council, held June 12-21 at Cleveland, Tenn. He stated that all that did not stand for A. J. Tomlinson, as General Overseer, would no longer be members of the Church of God. Upon this statement a few of us stood for the Church as we loved her so much, not knowing what we were doing at that time but later found that we had taken a stand against our brethren.

And he, C. T. Anderson, has taken our names and what he did with them we are unable to say but we want everybody to know that we are all standing for truth and right and for the Church of God and strongly endorse the ten elders' platform, adhering to the rulings of the Assembly and we now humbly regret of ever allowing our names to be taken as endorsing such an act.

We thank the dear Lord for the beautiful rays of truth that have been brought to our hearts, even though it has caused much grief and sorrow to know that we had approved of such an act. It caused us to weep and sob in tears but we are giving God the glory from whom all blessings flow, for the victory. We are stronger for the Church of God than ever before and God is honoring His faithful ones here at Williston. The tide of God's eternal glory is rising high and we are expecting great things from the Lord. We have done this for the glory of God and in behalf of the advancement of the cause.

Mrs. L. W. Hood, clerk.
Mrs. J. I. Baldree.
Mrs. Elvira Stephens.
Mrs. J. Lewis.
Mrs. J. Lewis.
J. I. Baldree.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We, the undersigned parties, hereby regret ever performing the act of signing such a document of charges as C. T. Anderson was in possession of, against M. S. Lemons, J. B. Ellis, and J. S. Llewellyn. Taking him at his word to be truthful and standing for the right thing, we signed these charges only with the intention of trying to stand for the right. But afterwards we found that we had signed the wrong thing. It caused our hearts to be grieved very much.

We wrote to headquarters and requested that our names be withdrawn from these charges, also told C. T. Anderson to erase our names from these charges but I presume that our names are still on some of these papers that are being circulated. This is to certify that we, P. W. Chesser, H. L. Chesser, J. I. Baldree and J. M. Baldree, all of the Church of God of Williston, Fla., do not advocate or support such charges as were in charge of C. T. Anderson or anyone else carrying, or having in his possession, but we are whole-hearted for the truth and stronger for the Church of God than ever before.

God is honoring the truth and right as ever. We want to say to everyone who reads this that God is blessing our souls here at Williston, Fla., and we are encouraged to press on in the battle for victory is ours by the help of the Lord. May God's richest blessing rest upon everyone that reads this.

Humbly,
P. M. Chesser.
J. I. Baldree.
H. L. Chesser.
J. M. Baldree.

Be Careful What You Say

In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own; Remember those of homes of glass Should never throw a stone.

If you have nothing else to do, Than talk of those who sin; 'Tis better if we commence at home, And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man Until he is fairly tried; Should we not like his company, We know the world is wide.

Some may have faults and who has none? The old as well as young; Perhaps we may for aught we know Have fifty to their one.

Then let us all when we begin To slander friend or foe; Think of the harm one word may do To those we better know.

Remember curses sometime like, Our chickens roost at home; Don't speak of others faults Until you have none of your own.
Raby Tithman,
Dunn, La.

THE HOLY GHOST GIVES POWER

Mrs. B. G. Fleming

I praise God for a salvation that keeps us each and every day. There are times when it seems that all are against us and we seem to tread the way alone, but the blessed Lord has promised, "Never to leave nor forsake us." Though the trials are hard and the days are dreary it pleases Him for us to recognize His presence.

It seems to me the way was never quite so dark and cold as the path over which I have been passing, there were lions and plenty of them on either side of the way and not a ray of light could I see but Jesus was holding my hand and occasionally I would get a glimpse of His blessed presence in the light He would shed across the way.

As I look back over the rough path I have just trod, while I could hear the lions roar and snap at me, I behold, that they were all chained and no harm could befall me while Jesus led the way.

Many times while I was being persecuted on every side I could look to the blessed Lord and say, "He knoweth the way that I take." Oh, it is wonderful to have a clear conscience before God and be able to say, Lord, thou knowest.

It pains my heart to see people who have had the Holy Ghost and was once a power for God not to measure up to the standard the Lord desires. In Acts 1:8 we read, "But ye shall

receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." What power did He give His disciples after the day of Pentecost? Power to cleanse the leper; power to raise the dead; power to fill the empty pots with oil. Bless His name! Beloved, have we got it. Are we measuring up? Are we where He can depend upon us to fulfill the mission He has for each one of us, or are we so busy looking after worldly matters that before we are aware the enemy has slipped in and we are shorn of our strength and the power we once had is gone!

Let us be watchful and prayerful, putting on and keeping on the whole armour of God that we may be able to fight manfully the battles of life and at last wear the crown He has prepared for us. May the dear Lord help us to hold high the banner of our King, though the enemy may make havoc all about us He cannot hurt one, whose trust is stayed on God.

The waves of trouble may roll but Jesus whispers, Peace be still. What a calm settles over the troubled breast as we recognize the sweet voice of Jesus. He says, "My sheep know my voice." How true it is. There is no other voice like the still small voice of Jesus. It is like a balm to the wounded heart and what a blessed promise that He will stand by us to the end. Bless His precious name!

Helping the Orphans

Kentwood, La.
July 16, 1923

Church of God Orphanage,
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Dear Sir:

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I am interested in the orphans home as I have two dear little motherless children (one boy, age ten and one girl, age nine) that I am rearing as best I can. I am bringing them up in the Church of God and if God should call me before they are grown I would be more than glad to know that they could be brought up in the orphanage. May God bless you all. I hope this little amount will help some.

Yours as ever,
John McElroy,
Box 83, Kentwood, La.

Obedience and Thankfulness

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

When was there a time when the first commandment has been over looked and disobeyed as it is being today, and why is it?

It is because this is a day when men are lovers of evil more than lovers of God. To love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and strength we must be convicted of our sins, regenerated, sanctified from the world and serve and obey Him by discharging every duty that He impresses upon our hearts to do. By so doing our love for Him grows greater, we get stronger spiritually and He gives us more wisdom to know His truths. Praise God, His truth makes us free.

We can not follow man and know Jesus in His fullness. He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," John 14:6.

Prayer is the key that opens heaven's door. We should pray at all times. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Eph. 4:26. We should thank God at the end of each day for sparing our lives through the day. There is only one heart beat between us and God. Our lives are in His hand. By just thanking Him for life, health and strength our hearts will be prepared so He can teach us how to pray. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do." John

14:13. Beloved, let us ask God to teach us how to pray, how to follow Him and to give us an understanding of His word.

The real love for Jesus and a clean life, unspotted from the world, gives us wisdom to know when we hear the real gospel preached in its fullness. Through prayer and obedience we have this clean love. And this will give us real love for our neighbor.

Bertha G. Shedler,
695 N. Walnut St.,
Muncie, Md.

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Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

How blessed it is to be saved from sin and kept by God's wonderful power during these evil days.

I want to praise God that He is so wonderfully blessing the work in Asbury Park, N. J. I came here by the will of God and opened a tent meeting on the corner of Spring Wood and Fisher Ave., July 15. He wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized one young woman and saved a young man. This young man gave his heart to God and wanted the appetite for strong drink to be taken away from him. He realized that it was dragging his soul down to hell. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Pray for God to send laborers to this place. Truly true holiness is needed here.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
India M. Gowdry,
203 Elizabeth Ave.,
Ashbury Park, N. J.

Intends to Stand True

Dehleo, La.
July 24, 1923

Dear Brother Llewellyn—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I write to inform you that I signed the petition that was circulated over this state by Brother L. A. and T. A. Richard but I am sorry I did so and ask you to forgive me. I never did feel satisfied about it. By the help and grace of God I intend to stand true to the teaching of the Church. Please don't think I am trying to follow someone off for I am not. By the help and grace of God I intend to go all the way.

Your humble brother,
C. F. Hollandsworth.

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burden? Oh, it is too well known why he did it, his grave train was about to stop; like Judas of old he carried the bag. You say, you are getting too hard now, but I remember one of his utterances along the same line in regard to Sam C. Perry. Judas didn't care about Jesus' body being anointed with oil but he wanted the oil sold in order that he might get the money in the bag. My friends, we've been sold, yes, betrayed and sold. Then by coercive, premeditated methods an attempt has been made to silence us. Lift our voices! Yes, from Dan to Beersheba. We will be heard, we will tell the truth; we will write the truth as long as God gives us life. We will never submit to autocratic rule.

Who would have thought that such a man as we have all esteemed him (A. J. T.) to be would have left God so far as to stoop to politics to accomplish his purposes, but who would have thought that Moses, the great man he was would have disobeyed God? For one act of disobedience he was put away from being leader and was never allowed to enter the Canaan land.

Friends, it is time to worship God; it is time to put away idol gods among us; it is time for each to esteem others better than himself; it is time to quit bowing the knee to Baal; it is time to have all things common in the Church of God; it is time for us all to have every thing on equal basis; it is time for the position to seek the man and not the man the position; it is time for every loyal soldier for Jesus to lift up the banner for His Church; it is no time for pliability; it is no time for remaining neutral. Get off the fence, you might fall on the wrong side. Let every minister and worker take his stand and let the people know where he is. Don't wait until somebody has fought all the battle, borne all the heartaches and all the hardships then rise up very prominent and say, "Didn't we lick them!" In the time of battle is when soldiers are needed. Now, I want to ask you in the name of Him who died for us, is it the spirit of Jesus that prompts men to usurp authority such as we have just named?

Uneasy about the Church! No! No!! No!!! If it didn't belong to God I might be, but it is His and He will take care of His own and will put everything out that is not like Him.

There is a motive for everything that is done. The law looks for the motive for every crime that is committed. The only motive that the enemy can accuse us of is that somebody wanted his place. We take pleasure in informing you that we do not but we do want the right in the Church of God and mean to stand for it in His spirit. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

SUBDUED

Mrs. S. A. Shepherd

Before God can launch us out into the breadth and sweetness of His service and trust to us great things for Himself, we must be subdued in every part of our nature so that His will and the disposition of His mind may be instilled into us.

We must be subdued in our hearts, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness and wanting our way, even in religious matters, must be subdued out of us.

Conversion will not finish this work and in very rare cases does the second work of sanctification complete in us this flexibility that is necessary for God to work with us and through us the great things we know to be His will to do. We may be able to preach strong sermons on sanctification, take charge of, and conduct successfully great camp meetings, conventions or Bible schools. We may write books, articles or even edit papers advocating holiness and Christian perfection but all this does not prove adequate for this grace.

We must be subdued not merely in our own opinion, not merely think ourselves subdued, not only subdued in the esteem of our friends and fellow-workers but subdued so perfectly that the all seeing eye of God can look us through and through and know for Himself that we are subdued. God must conquer the man or woman that He trusts with His great thoughts and plans. The Holy Ghost must saturate

us with divine conquest before He can use us to conquer other souls.

The Lord will begin to conquer us with gentle means and if we sink lovingly and promptly into His mind, the work will be done quickly but if we have flint or iron in our nature and He finds it necessary He will use heroic means and put us between the millstones and grind us to powder until He can mould us without any resistance to His purpose.

The greatest difficulty in the way of God using His servants, even His zealous and often sanctified servants, is that they are not perfectly, universally and entirely subdued under the power of God.

We must be subdued so thoroughly that we will stop meddling with other peoples' matters that God has not entrusted us with; subdued so completely that we will not call God's servants hard names and thrust at Christians who are doing all they can in the various fields of labor where God has placed them; subdued so we can hold our tongues and walk softly with God; subdued so we can keep our eyes upon Jesus and attend to the work He has given us to do, and do it gladly, promptly and lovingly, glad that we may have a place in His vineyard to do a little service for Him.

Oh, it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost and swing out a thousand miles from everybody and everything into the ocean of God's presence and work with Him in humility without chaffing, faultfinding or stumbling over others and be without peevishness and able to bend with every purpose of God in the channel in which He would fit us.

When we are subdued in the sight of God He will work miracles in us and through us; miracles of mercy and power in experience, in healing, in finance, in opening doors and hearts to us in widening fields of service, in gentleness and sweetness of the inner heart life.

Subdued, subdued, subdued. Oh, that it was complete in us that we might be more powerful in our work for Him. How anxiously He waits to work in us and subdue us so He can entrust us with the work that must be done, that will herald the approach and usher in the coming King. Devils must be cast out, sick healed, lame walk, blinded eyes opened and multitudes brought to a knowledge of His power to save.

The cry of my heart for years has been for God to purify, refine and purge me in such a manner that I could be a vessel in His hand worthy to be used in any way for His glory.

Dear ones, we must go deeper into God. Oh, the lethargy that would steal over the children of God and lull them to sleep must be shaken off and when we resist we have the promise and know He is faithful that promised. Let us arise to the work of the Lord, though it takes suffering, heartaches and often misunderstandings. Let Him subdue us and work in us that purifying process until we stand before Him so completely subdued that we can be "One in Him" and "perfect as our Father in heaven."

Do you think it possible? I do with all my heart but it will never be done until God breaks our stubborn wills and gives us His nature and imparts to us His holiness. Jesus would have never told us to be perfect as the Father in heaven, had He not meant for us to attain to it and He stands waiting to help us in our struggles for the mastery. We cannot do it in our own strength but I am assured that "His grace is sufficient."

Standing For the Church of God

I have been informed that it has been noised abroad that Brother and Sister C. A. James of Joplin, Mo., members of the Church of God, have signed a certain declaration that has been sent out by Brother Tomlinson, wanting to come out from under the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Church of God that convened at Cleveland, Tenn., Nov. 2-8, 1921, also the Seventeenth Annual Assembly Minutes of the Church of God that convened Nov. 1-7, 1922.

I hereby wish to notify the public that Brother and Sister James have not signed said declaration and if our names do appear on such declaration, it is an act of forgery which I hope is not so. But if it is so I pray that God will forgive them, knowing that all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions. Hallelujah!

We are standing for the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., and believe the whole Bible and it rightly divided. We are standing for the minutes as laid down by the General Assembly until such amendments have been made as the General Assembly may deem necessary, and not to come out from any of the minutes as a whole unless it is agreed by the General Assembly of the Church of God.

I love the Church of God and her government and am willing to abide by her teachings and obey them that have the rule over me—just as it is laid down in the Word of God. We find in Prov. 11:14 that Solomon said, "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Some of the teachings may not suit some of our ideas and opinions but when we, as members of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, made an application for license or ordination papers in the Church of God we had a question to answer that read something like this, "Do you think you are free from self-will? No doubt most of us answered it, yes. We also said when we came in the Church that we believed her teachings. Now, if we believe them, let us abide by them. If we didn't believe them, why did we come in the Church? Isaiah said, When God shall bring again Zion we shall see eye to eye. Isa. 52:8. We all know that Zion is the Church of God. I thank God that all true Church of God people are seeing eye to

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John Attey

Since we are living in the age that we are, and all the demons of the underworld seem to be turned loose in the world, I don't know of a text more appropriate for the occasion than the one spoken by the Apostle Paul to his son Timothy whom he had begotten by the gospel. Timothy was a young minister and Paul felt that he needed some special instruction inasmuch as he was going out to fight in this great battle for Jesus. The instructions are found in 2 Tim. 2:3, 4. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

The call that the great General is making today is for good soldiers; soldiers that are valiant for the truth, real volunteers and not conscripts. Conscripts make good soldiers sometimes but are never as good as volunteers. Let us notice a Bible character by the name of Moses. He was a volunteer. It is said of him in Heb. 11:24, 25, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; CHOOSING RATHER TO SUFFER AFFLICTION WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SEASON." Moses was brought up in a king's palace and was no doubt given the very best education that could be had and

stood high in society. But one day he heard the call and in obedience to the call, no doubt he said goodbye to Egypt and to the things of Egypt to the world, and started for Jethro's house. Jethro being a priest or minister it was there that he went for instruction, as the priest or minister always acts as a RECRUITING OFFICER. It was under Jethro that Moses was drilled for a number of years. Oh, that more of the recruits would go to Jethros or those in authority for special instruction before entering into the battle. I believe in so doing that there would be more victories won.

After having enlisted in the army it will be necessary to put off the civilian clothes. Putting off the civilian clothes represents putting off the old man or putting off our own righteousness and our own ways and putting on the new uniform, which is the righteousness of God by faith. We are not to wear our old uniform or retain our own righteousness as our uniform or righteousness is as filthy rags but the uniform that we are to wear when we go into battle is the uniform or righteousness of God. Thank the Lord for a beautiful uniform which will make the enemy fear even at its appearance.

But a uniform without any ARMOUR would be useless. Therefore, we are to put on the whole armour of God, not a part but the whole armour. We are to have our loins girt about with TRUTH for the truth will prevail when everything else fails. We may have to suffer for the truth but let us stand by it as a good soldier if we have to spend sleepless nights and have scarcely any food to eat. Then while we are standing by the truth let us put on the breastplate of righteousness or having already put it on, let us continue to do right as the meaning of righteousness is to do right. We are to be sure and put on the shoes of the gospel of peace. Then we are to take the shield of FAITH. In so doing we can pillow our heads on the old lions of this world and not suffer any harm or enter into the fiery furnaces of temptations, having been thrown there and not be burned. Above all we are not to forget to put on the helmet of salvation which means deliverance and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Having an outfit like this we are now ready to advance on the enemy and taking Jesus for our Captain we need not fear what might be termed the hard places for they all will be easy and the powers of the enemy will be obliged to move back. Then we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." Then we can lay our armour down and receive a robe and crown and have the privilege of standing in the GRAND REVIEW which is mentioned by John the Revelator. "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in the temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." Rev. 7:13-15.

C. A. James.

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David said in Psalms 139:7-10.

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there, if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

We see God in the firmament of the heavens, in the planets and fixed stars, and in all the constellations and the myriads of the worlds in the misty Milky Way, in fact, in every thing in all creation God is there, circumference nowhere but center everywhere cannot be measured by meets and bounds but filleth all space—the controlling power of all the universe. No infidel can tell you how all these things were created or how they are held in space or their orbits or why the space exists. They cannot tell you why water seeks its level or why the force of gravity, without believing in a first cause and that cause is God.

Is this all the proof we have? No! we who have tasted of the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come, talked with God over the radio from earth to heaven know there is a God that can be reached by prayer and supplication mingled with faith, and He has told us through His Son, and by inspiration what to do, how to do, and when to act.

Before Jesus left this world He set up the Church which is His body, THE CHURCH OF GOD, and the command was to His people, the members of His Church, to forsake not the assembling of themselves together. And this is the duty of every Christian, every heaven born soul and all the members of His body. The Church of God will be joined together and His house set in order, the bride made ready for His soon coming, and the marriage supper in the skies. He said unto Peter, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Now comes the all important question to the believers in Christ, how are we to find the true Church? We see so many denominations, sects and creeds, all calling themselves the Church. How can we find the REAL Church, the one that Jesus set up or founded upon the rock? (Christ.) The answer is simple and plain. The true Church believes in all the signs following as recorded in the 16th chapter of Mark. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The apostles' doctrine and the Church government bears the only Bible name, THE CHURCH OF GOD. God the same yesterday, today and forever. The same Christ, the same Holy Ghost, the same Church and the name cannot be changed. We have no more right to change the name of His Church than we have to change the name of God or Christ. He says, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they that testify of me."

Now we will give some Scriptures concerning His Church. A visible body, Acts 20:28. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the CHURCH OF GOD which He hath purchased with His own blood." (Notice the price He paid for His Church.) "Unto the CHURCH OF GOD which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and ours. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that YE ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING, and that there be NO DIVISIONS among you; but that YE BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND AND IN THE SAME JUDGMENT." 1 Cor. 1:2, 10.

How many of our hundred odd creeds and denominations do we find in harmony with the above? No two of them agree and only a few of each sect, creed or denomination agree with each other on the fundamental doctrine set forth in their articles of faith. "Whither therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the CHURCH OF GOD." 1 Cor. 10:31, 32.

1 Cor. 11:22. "What have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or

despise ye the CHURCH OF GOD, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."

Listen what Paul says, why he is the least of all the apostles? 1 Cor. 15:9. "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle because I persecuted the CHURCH OF GOD."

"For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the CHURCH OF GOD, and wasted it." Gal. 1:13.

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the CHURCH OF GOD which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia. 2 Cor. 1:1.

You will notice here that this is a visible body located at Corinth, and not an invisible something supposed to be located in the heart or as some say in heaven.

Again Paul says: 1 Tim. 3:5. "(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the CHURCH OF GOD?)"

Paul again says, speaking of contentions and customs in the Church. 1 Cor. 11:16. "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the CHURCHES OF GOD."

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the CHURCHES OF God, which in Judea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews. 1 Thes. 2:14.

"So that we ourselves glory in you in the CHURCHES OF GOD for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." 2 Thes. 1:4.

Now, dear reader, if the Church is located in the heart, or is invisible in the heavens, or any name will do, why does Paul specifically call it the CHURCH OF GOD so many times and the CHURCHES OF GOD in the plural?

You will notice also in 1 Thes. 1:1. "Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the Church of the Thessalonians which is IN GOD, the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ," and the same statement is repeated in 2 Thes. 1:1. He is here writing to the visible Church, the CHURCH OF GOD, right here in this present world. The Church with official government and authority of the saints, for the saints and by the saints, not a democratic but a theocratic government and set in order as recorded in 1 Cor. 12:27, 28. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (And Christ is the Head.) And he is the head of the body, of the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." Col. 1:18, 19.

Now the Church is the only legal tribunal for God's people to settle all differences that may rise between the saints when they fail to agree. "And if he shall neglect to hear them (the brethren), tell unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 18:17, 18. Again Paul says in Acts 14:23, 27. "And when they ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." Again Paul says in Eph. 1:22, 23. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." You will notice here, nothing is left out, all things are under His feet and He is the head over all things to the Church and His body the fulness of all things. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by THE CHURCH the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3:10.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." What? THE CHURCH OF GOD. Eph. 5:23-27; 29, 32.

How could an invisible Church take action to relieve their widows indeed? 1 Tim. 5:16. "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed." Speaking of the duty of the Church of God pertaining to judgments, Paul says in 1 Cor. 6:1-5. "Dare any of you having a matter against another, go

to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame." Paul knew that divisions between brethren would arise that the Church would have to settle, and this is why he wrote concerning the judgments and later admonished them in 1 Cor. 11:18, 19. "For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."

"Now about that time Herod the King stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing for the church, unto God for him." Acts 12:1, 2, 5. The result of this prayer was Peter's release. Surely this could not have been an invisible church or body to have such power through prayer, to remove the chains or shackles and open the doors of the prison.

God's people must be a clean people, and His Church must be a clean Church. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are of one; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Heb. 2:11, 12.

We have already told you that the CHURCH OF GOD believes and practices all the signs following. There are five, and the last one set forth is divine healing. And now comes one of the specific duties of the elders of the Church. "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15. Think of an invisible church, with invisible elders praying for an invisible member, who is invisibly sick? How can these things be?

In Revelation we find the seven churches which were in Asia, and John the revelator, heard these things as the great voice of a trumpet. "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." Rev. 1:11. "But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches." 1 Cor. 7:17. "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 15:5. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2:7. Dear reader, this is worth all things. The prize is worth the price, no matter what the cost. It is both wonderful and glorious beyond expression.

In order to shorten this we must leave off further quotations and comments and give only references, that the reader may be able to see the reality of the CHURCH OF GOD and the duty of its members; viz. Acts 2:47; 5:11, 12; 8:13; 11:26; 15:3, 4, 23; 18:22; 13:1; 11:23; 19:37; 31:9; 7:38; 20:17; 9:31; 16:5; Rom. 16:1, 4, 5, 23; Phil. 1:2; 1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Cor. 14:4, 5, 12, 19, 23, 28, 35; 1 Cor. 16:1-19; Phil. 3:6; Phil. 4:15; 2 Cor. 8:1, 18, 19; 2 Cor. 11:8-28; 2 Cor. 12:13; Col. 4:15, 16; Heb. 12:23; Gal. 1:2, 22; Eph. 3:21; 1 Pet. 5:13; 3 John 10.

Now, we have only given you the New Testament Scriptures concerning the Church of God, the Church that was built upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, the body of Jesus.

This commentary would not be complete without including the first sixteen verses of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation where-with ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (THE CHURCH OF GOD): Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in

wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love."

We find many types of the Church in the Old Testament and quotations in the New Testament referring to the Church in the Wilderness, and Solomon devotes much time in his description of the Church. (Read all the Songs of Solomon.) In Sol. 6:9, 10, he says, "My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" This is the Church of God.

In Paul's letters to the Ephesians he says, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." The name is the Church of God and she accepts all the Bible rightly interpreted, and believes in a full and complete Saviour of both soul and body and that the believer after his sins are forgiven (saved) should follow on as the apostles and disciples did unto perfection by being sanctified and also baptized with the Holy Ghost, like the Jews were on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:4 and the Gentiles beginning with Cornelius. Acts 10:44-46. They all talked in tongues when He came in and all who receive Him today will do the same thing because God remains the same for ever. You may be saved, your sins forgiven, sanctified by the blood of Christ, baptized with the Holy Ghost and yet never become a member of the Church of God, but it takes this step of obedience to make you complete in Christ.

And the theory or doctrine of being born into the Church that is advocated by many church fighters, people who profess to have the full blessing, is doing more harm to the cause of Christianity than any other one deception or false doctrine among believers in Christ. You are born into the kingdom of God by the new birth of the Spirit, but not into the Church. If so, which church was Paul, Peter, John and all the other apostles born into? The Church at Corinth, Ephesus, or the one in Lydia's home? You can no more be born into or onto the Church than you can be born unto your wife or your wife unto you. You must join by choice. The Church of God is a separate body from all others. There is no other organized body like it. To be a member, you must be separate from all worldly institutions and be free from all filthy habits. As Paul says in Eph. 5:11, 15, 17. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

May God help every true Christian to see the Church of God and find his place in it and help save a lost world, and be prepared for the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head, for His body, the Church of God.

A Friend to the Church of God

Dear Evangel Readers:

While I was looking over my last copy of the Evangel and reading the testimonies on different ways of giving, especially to the homeless ones, tears would flow in my eyes until I would have to stop for a while. I have heard the cry so often this year from different sources but have been so pressed, it looked as if I had come to the end of my own strength, but I would get my wife and children together and read God's Word, then we would get on our knees and thank the Lord for His past blessings and ask Him to extend them if it were His will. He has wonderfully blessed us.

I have paid all my debts outside my payments on my place out of my cucumber crop, which was about \$400.00. Last Saturday I raised my payment on my place \$348.50 out of my melon crop and am not half done. It looks as if God has more than done His part for me. Praise God I am full of joy.

Now this brings me to Brother Ellis' letter. I was sitting reading it and thought of writing this letter in heart sympathy with him as his eyes would flow in tears while writing it. So would my eyes flow while tears while reading it. I have so often wished I could give but could not up until now, but, praise God, I am able now and willing—will send some today, though it is small. We have not got our returns on five cars of melons yet and will have seven or eight more, if the Lord lets me live. I will do all in my power to carry a part with you in this great cause, though we are not members of the Church of God, but our hearts are with you.

We have no church nearer than sixteen miles at present. I have prayed all the year that God would give me the means and power to set forth His work at this place. Brother Ellis, my heart is so full I just feel the power that I have asked for this year. Pray for me that I fall not. It is all for the upbuilding of God's cause at this place. Oh, this

Are the Gifts in the Church?

A. A. Carpenter

Somehow I feel impressed to write something along the line of this subject but upon taking thought I do not know what plainer I can make it than is already made in the Word of God. The Word says, "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4:8. "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." The question of the gifts being given to the saints of God is surely left without question.

We find in Eph. 2:8 that faith is one of the wonderful gifts, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Then faith is one of the gifts that God gave through His Son when He ascended up on high. For the Word says that He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. Bless the name of Jesus!

He just captured that old thing that hampers and bothers the children of God whenever the cross appears and put it out of the way so that He could give them all the beautiful gifts that He, in His great wisdom, saw that they would need to fully qualify them for His service. Then He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

They started and the spirit has never stopped since the first report was given of Peter and John coming up to the temple, where they found the man that had been lame all his life. As he held out his little cup for alms, Peter fastening his eyes upon him, with John said, "Look on us." He immediately gave heed. I can imagine how that poor man felt as his eyes rested on those great men of God, that stood before him filled with the Holy Ghost and the glory of God shining out of their faces. Possibly he might have felt a little disappointed when Peter told him he had no silver or gold. But when he began to speak in the name of Jesus I am sure that renewed courage and great joy began to spring up in his heart.

Oh, glory, I know how poor discouraged souls feel whenever they hear that blessed name mentioned. I am sure the poor lame man remembered of hearing many wonderful things that Jesus did when He was yet alive, and no doubt, often wished that he could meet Him. But somehow Jesus had never come that way.

Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world. Then we see these two disciples (possibly this was their first trip and about the first chance they had to prove the promise of their Lord) but they feared not neither did they doubt but with great faith and boldness Peter commanded the lame man, in the name of Jesus, to rise up and walk. Did the promise fail? No! No! But as he took him by the hand and lifted him up, immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. Then what happened? Well, he just acted like folks do today when they get healed and get a good blessing from the Lord. He jumped, shouted and ran before the disciples into the temple

and all the people saw him walking and praising God, and they were filled with wonder. No doubt they had heard of Jesus and how He had proved Himself to be the Son of God. And while they were full of unbelief (and so the world is today) the work still went on.

Just now the little White Winged Messenger came flitting in at the door and oh, glory to God, the little paper is just loaded down with beautiful, grand, glorious and heart cheering reports from all over the continent. Well, glory, surely God has sent a tidal wave of His great healing power over the world. It just makes me feel like taking my Bible in my hand and going up and down the street, shouting and praising the Lord that He still lives and reigns as Lord of lords and King of kings.

Are the gifts in the Church? Yes, I feel that we have more gifts than we are making proper use of. Jesus didn't say so much about the gifts but He was always instructing His disciples about faith. I believe that we need faith today to prompt us to launch out and improve upon the gifts that we have. We should be bold and daring as Peter and John were when they stood before that great council and boldly told them that through faith in the name of this same Jesus, whom they had crucified, this wonderful work was done.

I don't think they liked to hear it very well because they knew that they were guilty. Peter and John stood before them so brave, undaunted and fearless and manifested such great wisdom that they were amazed and confounded with wonder. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13. The disciples had just recently come from the upper room where they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire and the rulers threatened them and let them go.

We remember that just before the crucifixion of our Lord that the disciples asked Him to increase their faith. I believe their faith was increased for we see as they obeyed the Lord's commands that all earth and hell combined had to give way before them. Hallelujah!

For my part I am satisfied with the gifts I have for I know that He, who gave them to me, knew just what was best for me, but I am not satisfied with the amount of faith I have. But I am going to keep right on doing the best I can with what I have, and look for an increase at any time. Jesus promised that the branches that bore fruit, the Father would purge that they might bring forth more fruit. Now the purging may not be so enjoyable but my whole soul and heart is engaged in His service. Anything that will help me to bring forth more fruit is just what I want.

I wish to request an interest in the prayers of the saints that I may yet in my old days, bring forth much fruit.

If Thy Right Eye Offend Thee— Pluck it Out

R. E. Stockton

Church or individual, if your right eye give offence, pluck it out. Don't let the whole body go to hell to protect one member.

There seems to be no doubt that the right eye of the Church of God has offended seriously. Well, the command is plain, "Pluck it out." We "little ducks" admire the bold way in which our "Dauntless Ten" elders are proceeding to do this. Our hats are off to them. We are backing them to win.

I would like to speak a word of encouragement to them at this critical time which tries men's souls. Christ and Paul were not always in a position to sugar-coat their words. They had to deal with some dirty situations and hand out some straight talk. God said to Joshua, "Only be thou bold and very courageous." Paul said, "Quit you like men be strong." The man Moses was faithful in all his house and God always took his part. His traducers were smitten with leprosy or the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them.

But we find Jesus Himself having continual friction and

place is in darkness. Pray that I may be a light.

Sister Daniels and husband stopped with me sometime ago and prayed for the recovery of my boy and he was healed. Praise God my doors are always open for God's people. Oh, how I love for them to come this way.

A warm friend to the Church of God,

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strife with those who "sat in Moses' seat," the Pharisees, head men in the Jewish church of which Christ was a member. He denounced them publicly, calling them vipers, hypocrites. Now, if this hadn't been the truth, Jesus would have been greatly to blame. See? Paul though holding, probably, an inferior position to Peter said, "I withstood him to the face, for he was to be blamed."

God's Word says, When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness that he hath done, his righteousness shall not be mentioned. Satan, Adam, Saul and Judas fell by transgression. God's favor was withdrawn and we are not required to reverence them.

We have perfect confidence in Paul's religion but I hear him say, "I would they were even cut off which trouble you." John says, Bid him not God speed, lest you be made partakers of his evil deeds.

Thank God for the Evangel. I never appreciated it half as much as now. "He that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest." There is nothing to be ashamed of. It would be a shame to withhold this information from an honest, loyal membership. A backslidden paper or preacher can talk about love, joy and peace but it takes real backbone and real salvation to bring sin to light, without respect of persons.

If an abscess has to be lanced, let us not be chicken-hearted about it. Thank the Lord!